

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The cable ownership

cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

I try to get my information from as many different sources as possible. I read liberal magazines like Mother Jones and occasionally conservative sources such as The New American by the John Birch Society. I agree with Mother Jones more often.

The diversity of America's media is slipping, ownership is concentrating. Each publication, web site, Internet Service Provider, TV Network, etc has unique offerings for the community, a unique history and a unique perspective.

A friend of mine who read the Los Angeles Times wondered why they had such good coverage of Mexico, and so he did a little investigating and found out that the owners of the LA Times were descended from Mexican Immigrants.

When CNN was Ted Turner's baby, it ran good coverage of environmental issues, since Turner took an interest in the environment, he was one of the first major media outlets to do so. Now that Time-Warner-AOL-Compuserve-Entertainment Weekly-People Magazine-Entertainment Weekly-etc own CNN, that focus seems to be lost. They only seem to be reporting on the war on terrorism now.

Freedom of the Press belongs to those who own the press.

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